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Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Re: New U.S. Patent Application - Wayne Lewis

Composite Protection System

Sir:

- Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 8 pages specification, 3 pages claims (15), 1 1. page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 5 pages (5 figures) drawings in support of the above identified application.
- Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventor, Wayne Lewis to New 2. Mexico Technical Research Foundation, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.
- I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$425.00 * to cover the official fees of: 3.

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It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Please note that the application qualifies for small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(a)

Respectfully Submitted,

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